- 29. (New) The device of claim 15, wherein said connector comprises a clamp.
- 30. (New) The device of claim 15, wherein the connector comprises a biocompatible material.
- 31. (New) The device of claim 15, wherein at least one of said members includes an opening.
- 32. (New) The device of claim 15, wherein the connector comprises a first connector configured to be positioned adjacent the endocardium of the chamber.
  - 33. (New) The device of claim 32, wherein the second connector is curved.
- 34. (New) A static device for use with an unrestricted heart having an outer wall and at least one chamber, said device comprising,
- a plurality of members configured to be positioned adjacent the epicardial surface of the heart; and
- a first connector joining the members, the first connector having portions configured to be encased in the tissue of the heart,

wherein said members are fixed in a spaced relationship relative to each other such that at least two portions of the outer wall are displaced inwardly from the unrestricted position.

- 35. (New) The device of claim 34, wherein the connector is configured to be inserted through a portion of the heart.
  - 36. (New) The device of claim 34, further comprising a second connector.
- 37. (New) The device of claim 36, wherein the second connector joins the members.
- 38. (New) The device of claim 37, wherein the second connector has portions configured to be encased in the tissue of the heart.
  - 39. (New) The device of claim 36, wherein the second connector is straight.

## **REMARKS**

By the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants cancel claims 1-14 and add new claims 15-39. Claims 15, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, and 34 are identical to claims 1,

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